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MAJOR AND ALLIES PLAN FUSION SLATE TO BEAT VARETES

War Board, Voters League and Penrose Forces Meet to Arrange Withdrawals

ROTAN, DAIX, WOLF AND KEMP MAY BE TICKET

Major Moore, his "war board," and representatives of Senator Penrose and the Voters League, assembled this morning, and as a result, are said to have agreed on a fusion ticket in which all the elements involved will combine against the Vare "fifty-fifty" slate.

Reported Anti-Combine Slate

The anti-Combine slate, as it is reported, is as follows: District Attorney, Samuel P. Rotan. City Comptroller, State Senator Augustus F. Daix, Jr. City Controller—Edwin Wolf. Receiver of Taxes—Colonel George E. Kemp.

Vares Forced Shead Split

The Vares combination forestalled such a possibility in their own ranks by forcing the withdrawal of "Jimmy" Shead, the present holder of the position. He wanted it again and placed his name in nomination in spite of the fact that the Vares combine had endorsed the candidacy of Magistrate William F. Campbell, "Jimmy" has seen a great light, however, and it is expected that by withdrawing he will win the consolation prize of a mercantile partnership, worth more in salary than his present job, but lacking the fees which would be the post of Register of Wills one of the juiciest plum on the political tree.

For a Time It Was Rumored Today

Mr. Hart would not withdraw, but was willing to do so in the face of the fact that Frank Gable, making it a three-cornered contest.

Later, however, word came from the register

that Mr. Hart probably would drop out of the race, and the Vares would concentrate their strength on backing the "combine" candidates.

When the Mayor began his conference

with his own cabinet, the anti-Vares element in the conference were Mr. Hart, Joseph C. and Harry J. Trainor, Andrew Froehel, Frank L. Kenworthy, John B. McLean, Councilman Patton, Director Casen and City Solicitor Smith.

Mr. Noll came out of the conference

for a few minutes and was besieged with questions. He was asked what the ticket would be, but replied evasively that he did not know, as it would depend on the withdrawal of the candidates.

"Will Senator Penrose support the slate?" he was asked. He evaded again, saying: "The Senator already has made his statement."

149 Join Masked Klansmen in Moonlit Ceremony Here

Fiery Cross Sheds Weird Light on White-Clad Figures Taking Part in Meeting on City's Outskirts

The appended article was written by a member of the Klan who attended and took part in last night's meeting, but who was under pledge not to reveal the location of the rallying point.

A shadowy grove, an open glade in the thicket woods; Automobiles humming and parking here and there along the country road; A narrow pathway leading to the woodland glade, and every fifty feet a masked and white-robed sentinel.

Within the little clearing an altar, and beside the altar the cool night air rustling through the shimmering folds, the banner of the Nation, Masked men beside the altar. Formed in hollow square around the glade, rank on rank of masked specters. A deep voice echoing through the blackness: "Imperial One, the men who seek admission to our legion stand prepared!"

All the Ku Klux Klan was gathered in all its panoply last night on the western outskirts of Philadelphia thirty-five minutes by motor from the center of the city.

Line after line, the candidates marched in, led by a gigantic masker who bore, high overhead, the Fiery Cross, the emblem of the Ku Klux Klan. First of the Ku Klux were men of Scottish race, and the Fiery Cross that their fathers bore was made the rallying sign.

The Fiery Cross etched the glade; the candidates marched before the scrutinizing ranks of silent Klansmen.

Watchword of Kings in Woods One hundred and forty-nine men, all Philadelphians, joined the Ku Klux Klan last night. Masked Klansmen were in the forest glade, every man—veteran Klansman and new member—bowed before the American flag and then through the night boomed out the watchword of the order.

"All men in America must honor that the Fiery Cross."

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NEW WORKING PLAN FOR POLICE BUREAU

Division Captains Hereafter Will Have at Least One Lieutenant as Assistant

HEARN TO PROBE ACCIDENTS

A rearrangement in the Police Bureau, with the reassignment of one police captain and six lieutenants, was announced today by Director Cortelyou.

In announcing the reassignments Director Cortelyou made known a plan by which division captains will hereafter have at least one lieutenant as an assistant. The new assignments may be temporarily to take the place of lieutenants suspended or off duty for other reasons.

In the past sergeants of the district had acted as lieutenants in the absence of the district commanders.

Captain Hearns, who has been commander of the Sixth Police Division, supervising the work of harbor police, the city van stables and municipal lands, will become head of the accident investigation squad.

Organization of this squad was recently decided upon by the Mayor and Director Cortelyou so that the squad would be unopposed in opposing suits for damages.

Captain Hearns submitted plans for the reorganization of the squad which will investigate all accidents, as the result of which the city might be made defendants in damage suits. He will take his place as head of the squad with the rank of lieutenant, retaining command of the Sixth Division until a successor is named.

Captain Hearns' headquarters will remain at the Twelfth and Buttonwood street station.

Lieutenant David M. Coach, who has been on strike duty in the northeastern section of the city, will report as assistant to Captain Hearns, as the Fifth Division in West Philadelphia.

Lieutenant John J. Duffy, who has been assisting Lieutenant Fritz, of the motorcycle squad, at Tenth and Thompson streets, will become assistant to the commander of the Second Division.

Lieutenant John J. Carlin, who has also been with the motorcycle squad, will be another assistant to the captain of the Second Division.

Lieutenant William Keith, who has been on strike duty in the northeastern section of the city, is assigned as assistant to the commander of the First Division downtown.

Lieutenant William C. Knoll, who has been in charge of the police boat Ashbridge, is assigned as assistant to the commander of the Third Division, in North Philadelphia.

PASSENGER SHIP ATLANTA AGROUND IN BOSTON PORT

Thirteen Persons Transferred and Landed After Brief Delay

Boston, Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—Thirteen passengers on the steamship City of Atlanta, which grounded on Castle Island on her way up the harbor today, were transferred to tugs and landed after a delay of a few hours.

The steamer, operated by the Ocean Steamship Company, was inward bound from Savannah and was almost within sight of her pier when she got off her course in the fog. She struck on a ledge of high water and as the tide receded it left her well up on the island. Part of the cargo of lumber, resin and naval stores was damaged by the accident.

It was not known how badly she was damaged.

DENIES SNUB OF WOMEN

Mayor Disclaims Charge of Discourtesy by Mrs. John Wanamaker, 3d

Mayor Moore today disclaimed any intentional discourtesy to women voters in reply to a statement of Mrs. John Wanamaker, 3d, that political leaders generally were ignoring the women and also that the Mayor had not attended conferences to which the women had invited him.

CRANES PULLING ZR-2 WRECK FROM SWIRLING HUMBER

Workers Hope to Recover More Bodies of Victims of Disaster

U. S. TO BE REPRESENTED AT OFFICIAL INQUIRY

By the Associated Press

Hull, Eng., Aug. 25.—Workmen engaged in salvaging the wreckage of the ill-fated ZR-2 from the water of the Humber, where it fell with its human freight on Wednesday evening, employed powerful cranes today to lift the skeleton of the airship. It was believed that as soon as the twisted and tangled framework of the dirigible was raised it would be possible to recover the bodies of many of the men who died when the draught of the air collapsed and caught fire.

The work of lifting the wreck was a Herculean task, for, in addition to the great weight of the aluminum framework and the pendant gondolas carrying the driving machinery, the swift current of the river had already begun to cover the immersed ruins with deposits of sand. Divers who went down into the labyrinthine ruins yesterday found the current so strong that their work was attended by great danger, and they finally declined to take further chances beneath the wreckage.

River men believed that the bodies of some of the victims of the disaster had been borne away by the tide or the river's current, and it was reported that fragments of the dirigible's covering fabric had been found ten miles up the river from the scene of the accident.

Official inquiry into the cause of the disaster will begin tomorrow morning at Hull, where the ZR-2 was stationed before she started on her last voyage. The United States will be represented by a naval attaché, who will sit with the court. It seemed probable today, however, that the findings of the court would be influenced by the result of examinations by experts of the framework of the airship after it had been lifted from the Humber. There seemed to be a general agreement that the accident was caused by the collapse of a longitudinal girder in the middle of the dirigible, but it was expected that the experts would be able to determine with some degree of accuracy the reason for the tragedy when they had before them the metal parts of the huge airship.

It is expected that the coroner's inquest to be held today will be adjourned after formal identification of the three bodies which were recovered, and the issuance of permits for their removal. The adjournment, it was reported, would be for several weeks at least, probably to October 1, when it would convene for a full examination of the causes of the disaster, whether it was due to human error or to mechanical failure.

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Find Stolen Securities in New York

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Detectors announced today that securities valued at \$23,000, stolen from MacDonell & Co. of San Francisco, by Russell Lafayette Griffin, a twenty-year-old messenger, had been recovered in New York.

The messenger, who had been in the city for several days, was arrested by police officers who were searching for him in the streets of Philadelphia.

The Mayor would have been equally responsible, as head of the corporation, for that accident. But the coroner is going to assemble his deputies and take possession of Pleasant Hill bathing beach; he is going to challenge the authenticity of the Mayor's closing of the bathing beach, which the people of the district in which he resides have so thoroughly appreciated.

"I don't sound like another Don Quixote," said the Mayor, "and I don't sound like a rascal, either. If the coroner will mount his gallant steed, place himself at the head of his deputies and proceed to Pleasant Hill for the purpose of closing the bathing beach on Saturday or Sunday next, he will doubtless receive a warm welcome."

"I LOVE HIM," DECLARES WIFE NO. 2 OF BIGAMIST

Anna Hale, 15, Says Her Brother Is Seeking Bail for Frank Shaw, East Clementine Street

Wife No. 1, Who Was Miss Florence Wells, Asserts That She Will Press Charge of Bigamy

Miss Anna Hale, fifteen years old, 230 Glenwood avenue, who married Frank Shaw, twenty-one years old, 1843 East Clementine street, a shell-shocked soldier, without knowing that he had another wife, says she is going to try to get him out of jail.

Miss Hale and Shaw's wife, who was Florence Wells, nineteen years old, 2114 West Norris street, met in Magistrate Deitz's court yesterday and kissed. Mrs. Shaw had her husband arrested for bigamy when his older brother informed her that he had married again. Shaw was held in \$1000 bail.

"I love him," Miss Hale said today. "My brother is trying to get bail for him. I don't want to give him up."

It has been suggested that Shaw, who suffered at times from amnesia, due to wounds and shell-shock, might have entered upon the second marriage, which was performed in June of this year at Elkton, Md., during a period of forgetfulness.

Shaw was in Company A, 108th Infantry, when he married Miss Wells, also at Elkton, when he left the service. She has since sued for divorce, it is said.

Shaw's mother today expressed confidence in him. "He was always a fine, square boy," she said. "If he has done wrong, I am sure it was when he had not his wits about him. I don't think any one understands Frank as I do. He was always a splendid boy until he went to war. I am very sorry for my boy. I am sorry for the two girls, too."

Shaw's first wife declares she will not withdraw the charge of bigamy she has brought against her husband. She said that she had kissed Miss Hale at the hearing yesterday only because she was "sorry for her."

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Engagement Off

Miss Kathryn A. Fisher



Formerly of Wayne, whose engagement to John McDowell Sharpe has been broken

ENGAGEMENT IS BROKEN

Miss Fisher, Formerly of Wayne, Not to Wed John McD. Sharpe

The breaking of the engagement of Miss Kathryn A. Fisher to John McDowell Sharpe is announced by Miss Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barclay Fisher, of Aspinwall, near Pittsburgh. No reason is given.

Announcement of the engagement was made in July, 1920. Mr. Sharpe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter King Sharpe. He is a graduate of Phillips Andover and Princeton.

Miss Fisher was graduated from Willson College and formerly lived in Wayne. Her father is the general superintendent of transportation of the central region of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with offices at Pittsburgh. Previously he was superintendent of the railroad in March, 1920, he was superintendent of freight transportation at Broad Street Station. Mr. Sharpe lives in Chambersburg.

PANAMA WON'T RECOGNIZE TAFT APPOINTMENTS

Isthmian Republic Tells State Department Agreement is Void

Panama, Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—Appointment of Prof. John F. Hayford, of Northwestern University, and Prof. Orin Miner Island, of Cornell University, by Chief Justice Taft, of the United States Supreme Court, as members of a commission to lay out the boundary between Costa Rica and Panama is opposed by the Isthmian Government. Officials here have advised the State Department in Washington that Panama refuses to recognize the validity of the appointments.

The note is said to declare that Panama having rejected the decision handed down by the late Chief Justice White relative to the arbitration agreement entered into before that award was made does not exist. If it were existent, authority from Panama and Costa Rica would be necessary to carry out their project in an orderly manner.

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While there were many Negroes in the column, the majority were white men, and seemed to be in excellent spirits after their rest at Racine. The men who would discuss the movement were in earnest, and proposed to carry out their project in an orderly manner.

COMMANDER MAXFIELD'S WIDOW BEARS UP BRAVELY

Will Return to America Probably Within a Week

Breagh, England, Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Maxfield, the widow of Commander Louis H. Maxfield, the American aviator who lost his life in the ZR-2 disaster, was bearing up bravely today in her home in this little village near Howden, but was suffering greatly from the shock and from the loss of her husband's body, which is still in the Humber River.

Mrs. Maxfield has had little rest since Tuesday morning, when she and her small daughter viewed the commander's body as it lay in the airship's wreckage, which had been floated away from the Howden air-drome.

The residence where Mrs. Maxfield and the commander made their home is a beautiful spot near the river, and she will remain there for a few days at least with her daughter of eleven years and her baby.

Mrs. Penney, wife of Lieutenant Penney, on whom has fallen the command of the American airship at Howden, is staying with Mrs. Maxfield. The American aviator who lost his life in the ZR-2 disaster, and probably will not remain here more than a week, although she is anxious to visit until she knows the body of her husband has been found.

FIRE SWEEPS ESKI-SHEHR

King Constantine III in Burning City in Asia Minor

London, Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—Eski-Shehr, the city in Asia Minor recently captured by the Greeks in their offensive against the Turkish Nationalists, is being swept by fire, says an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The flames have been raging for several days and have destroyed the greater part of the town, it is said.

King Constantine III in Eski-Shehr, reports from Athens stating he has been sick there for several days, but is making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

COAL OPERATOR MURDERED

Body Found in Ruins of Burned Camp at Titus, Tenn.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—Glen B. May, coal operator, of Knoxville, was found murdered in the ruins of a camp at Titus, in Campbell County, yesterday.

No arrests had been made last night, but officers expected arrests soon.

Predict Fair Weather Throughout Week-End

Friday—Fair, little change in temperature.

Tomorrow—Fair, fresh northeast winds.

Sunday—Probably fair, little change in temperature.

UNION CHIEFS SEEK TO DISPERSE 5000 MARCHING MINERS

Arrival at Mingo Would Result in Bloodshed, Army Officials Warn

By the Associated Press

Madison, W. Va., Aug. 25.—The advance guard of the army of miners marching from Marmet to Mingo County arrived here about noon today. They pitched camp in a hollow near the business center and waited the coming of the remainder of the force, which was strung out along the road between here and Peytona, where the main body had stopped for dinner.

By the Associated Press

Peytona, W. Va., Aug. 25.—Frank Keeney, president of the United Mine Workers, and Fred Mooney, secretary, passed through here at 11 o'clock this morning to the camp of the marching miners, which had been pitched about two miles west of this place for dinner. The union officials hoped to meet the committee in charge of the hike and induce them to disband the army. It was thought a conference would be held in Madison, the county seat, this afternoon.

The 5000 or more men, most of whom are miners, are marching from Marmet to Mingo County to protest against Governor Martin's martial law. They broke camp at Racine soon after 8 o'clock and took the State highway to Madison.

The marchers, who plan to travel the entire eighty miles of the journey by foot, spent last night in the open air, no tents being carried by the men.

The camp, spread around the town of Racine, through the Indian Creek valley, was alive bright and early, and signposts which had been set up during the night blazed brightly as the men prepared their breakfast. There was no haste, but each group moved as though it had specific instructions to follow, and seemed to be in excellent spirits after their rest at Racine. The vanguard, far up Indian Creek from Racine, was in motion early, but it was about 8 o'clock before the main body of marchers was on the move. There was still no apparent leader, but certain ones sprang up in different sections of the camp who appeared to have the direction of groups of men, and the parties to the west of them took to the road they fell in behind.

Vanguard Reaches Peytona

The vanguard began passing through Peytona, five miles from Racine, shortly before 10 A. M. The men marched in good form and seemed to be in excellent spirits after their rest at Racine. The men who would discuss the movement were in earnest, and proposed to carry out their project in an orderly manner.

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VILLA ASKS PAY FOR MEN

Mexican Government Will Reimburse Those Who Surrendered

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—(By A. P.)—Francisco Villa, the former Mexican bandit, has asked the Mexican Government officials here today that forty of his followers be paid in accordance with the agreement signed by the Government when the men surrendered. He declared that they had received no payments for the last six months, it is said in reports current here.

Secretary of War Estrada is understood to have ordered the payments be made.

HART WITHDRAWS AS CANDIDATE FOR WILLS JOB

David T. Hart, Administration Leader, Withdraws His Candidacy This Afternoon for Nomination as Register of Wills

David T. Hart, Administration leader, withdrew his candidacy this afternoon for nomination as Register of Wills. This was announced at the end of the Mayor's "war board" meeting. The Mayor said that Mr. Hart's withdrawal now left the way open for joint action by the Voters League and Senator Penrose against the Vares combine in the primary elections.

MINGO "ARMY" TURNED BACK

MADISON, W. VA., Aug. 25.—The advance guard of the marching miners on their way from Marmet to Mingo as a protest against Governor Morgan's martial law was turned back by Charles E. Coney, president of District No. 17, United Mine Workers, and Secretary Mooney, after it had passed through Madison shortly after noon today.

ALIMONY CUT WITH WAGES

Camden Man Granted Reduction From \$10 to \$6 Weekly

A suit in wages was regarded as sufficient grounds for a reduction in the alimony paid by James Reed, Lansdowne avenue, Camden, to his wife Margaret. The reduction granted by Recorder Stakehouse this morning changed the alimony from \$10 to \$6.

Reed said he was perfectly willing to pay the \$10, but was unable. He asserted one cut in wages had been effected at the shipyard where he is employed and another is expected next week. The man said his wages would then only be \$23 weekly.

BROOM'S MOTHER RECOVERS

News of Hero Son's Safety Relieves Tension

Atlantic City, Aug. 25.—Mrs. Mary Broom, mother of Charles G. Broom, of Atlantic City, the petty warrant number one of the American crew which was sent abroad to bring home the ZR-2, is recovering today from the tension she was under yesterday when the fate of her son was in doubt.

Definite news that her son was not in the aircraft when it was destroyed relieved her fears of a catastrophe, but the reaction caused her to be confined to her room.

DE VALERA REJECTS BRITISH PROPOSALS; DEMANDS REPUBLIC

Assassinated



Former Vice Premier and Minister of Finance of Germany, a prominent member of the Communist (Catholics) party, was murdered in Baden today

ERZBERGER SLAIN; SHOT 12 TIMES

Former Vice Premier and Finance Minister of Germany Assassinated

By the Associated Press

London, Aug. 25.—The British Government's peace proposals were laid before the Dail Eireann, which rejected them unanimously, but is willing to negotiate on the principle of government by consent of the governed. Eamon de Valera said in his reply to Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister.

The letter proposed that Great Britain and Ireland appoint representatives with plenary powers to negotiate details on this principle.

"We have not sought war nor do we seek war, but if war is made upon us we must defend ourselves, and we shall do so," said De Valera's letter. "We long to end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland," he added.

Text of Letter

The letter, which is dated August 24, reads:

"The anticipatory judgment I gave in my reply of August 10 has been confirmed. I laid the proposals of your Government before the Dail Eireann, and by a unanimous vote it has rejected them."

"From your letter of August 13 it was clear that the principle we are asked to accept was that the 'geographical propinquity' of Ireland to Great Britain imposed the condition of the subordination of Ireland's right to Great Britain's strategic interests, as she conceived them, and that the very length and persistence of the efforts made in the past to compel Ireland's acquiescence in a foreign domination imposed the condition of acceptance of that domination."

Militarism Implied

"We cannot believe that your Government intended to limit itself to the principle of international morality and fatal to the world's peace. If a small nation's right to independence is forfeited when a more powerful neighbor covets its territory for military or other advantages it is supposed to confer, there is an end to liberty. No longer can any small nation claim the right to a separate existence. Holland and Denmark can be made subservient to Germany, Belgium to Germany or to France and Portugal to Spain."

"In Ireland's case, to speak of her succumbing to a partner's will she has not accepted or from an allegiance which she has not voluntarily undertaken. It is fundamentally false, just as the claim to subordinate her independence to British strategy is fundamentally unjust. To neither can we, as representatives of the nation, lend our countenance."

Fight if Necessary

"If our refusal to lend our nation's honor and the trust that has been reposed in us is to be made an issue of war by Great Britain we deplore it. We are conscious of our responsibilities to the Irish people, and we are proud of our principle or of our obligations to the heroic dead."

"We have not sought war nor do we seek war, but if war is made upon us we must defend ourselves, and we shall do so, confident that whether our defense be successful or unsuccessful, no body of representative Irish men or Irish women will ever promise to the nation the surrender of its birthright."

"We long to end the conflict between Great Britain and Ireland. If your Government is determined to impose its will upon us by force, and antecedent to negotiations to insist upon conditions that involve a surrender of our nation, we will continue to fight."

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ASTOR GRANDSON WEDS

R. T. Wilson Takes Miss Harriette A. Post as His Bride

New York, Aug. 25.—An important wedding will take place this afternoon at 4 P. M. at the residence of Miss Harriette A. Post, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Post, of New York, to R. Thornton Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gibson Wilson, yesterday afternoon socially announced in Philadelphia.

Only members of the family and a few intimate friends attended the ceremony, performed by the bride's uncle, the Rev. Dr. Holman Sutton Smith, of Washington, D. C.

The bride's father is head of a brokerage firm. Her brother, George B. Post, Jr., married Miss Irene Langhorne Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson. Mr. Wilson is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Astor.